

**Campaign Finance and
Political Consultant Regulations
- Summary of Rule Changes -**

Auditor Administrative Rule (ARA)	Summary of What Changed	Impact(s)
<i>New Rule</i> 13.05 Contribution Limits	Campaign finance contribution limits clarified. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification added for timing of “received” contributions. • Contribution sources, limits, and exceptions included. • Applicability to Open and Accountable Elections Program updated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timing clarified to allow for corrections or refunds of unlawful contributions. • Campaign finance caps applicability to public funding program participants.
13.04 Disclosure Requirements	Disclosure content, placement, and exception guidance added. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disclosures must identify the communicating individual or entity. • Additional funding information required when a communication spending threshold has been reached. • Certain communications by volunteers are subject disclosures. • Social media disclosure requirements may include a website link. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides guidance on when and what information may be required in disclosures. • Adds guidance for social media communications.
13.03 Complaint Process	Additional information required for complaints. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying information for complainant(s) added. • Contributor contact information required for certain allegations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increases transparency and disincentivizes complaint process abuse. • Allows for required follow up. • Allows for identification and notification of all possible liable parties.
13.03 Complaint Process	Enforcement process detailed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subpoena enforcement process and timelines delineated. • Violation letters to include required communication funding information previously undisclosed. • Decision finality, withdrawal, and reconsideration process clarified. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates process for use of subpoenas. • Creates process for decision reconsiderations.
13.03 Complaint Process	Penalty and fee consideration changes, caps, and interest added. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Willful” violation language replaced with “knowing violation.” • Penalty considerations expanded to include abuse of complaint process. • Late fee clarification and \$500 cap added. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expands factors the Auditor’s Office may consider in assessing violation penalties. • Clarifies additional fees that may apply.

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13.02 Definitions	<p>Definitions added and updated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Written communication” defined to exclude certain documents required by governments. • “Election cycle” clarified to define date ranges for disclosures by independent spenders. • “Complaint” clarified to exclude duplicative complaints for the same or substantially similar allegations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removes disclosure requirements from documents required or originating from governments. • Provides independent spenders with guidance on information required in disclosures.
Appendix A	<p>Adjusted inflation rate added through appendix.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table included with monetary amounts updated for inflation through 2023. • Appendix A link added to ARAs 13.02, 13.04, and 13.05. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribution and spending limits updated to account for inflation. • Method of calculation provided.
New Rule 14.01 Political Consultant Registration and Reporting	<p>Reporting, Investigation, and Enforcement Guidance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online filing portal, training resources, and deadlines included. • Investigation process and determination issuance clarified. • Decision reconsideration and appeals process defined. • Late fees capped at \$500, civil penalties capped at \$1,000 per violation based on defined criteria, and recoverable costs defined. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explains filing requirements. • Creates process for investigations, determinations, appeals, and reconsiderations. • Clarifies applicable penalties. Replaces ADM-15.20 and 15.21.
New Rule 14.01 Political Consultant Registration and Reporting	<p>Added and Clarified Definitions with Examples</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Covered client” defined. • “Person” defined. • “Political consultant” clarified with examples and criteria for incidental services, unsolicited services, and provision of political consultant services as a trade or profession. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides guidance on who qualifies as a political consultant subject to reporting. • Replaces ADM-15.20 and 15.21.